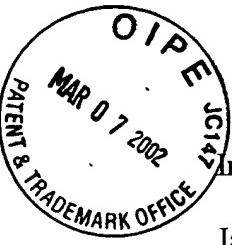


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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly ~~amend~~ the above-identified application
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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly ~~enter~~ the following amended paragraph at page 1, of the specification,
immediately following the heading "Related Applications", as follows:

--This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/347,283, filed January 14, 2002, titled, "Knowledge Server," which is hereby incorporated by reference. This application is related to co-pending patent application Serial No. 10/045,064, titled, "System and Method for Processing Data in a Distributed Architecture," filed January 15, 2002, which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

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